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**** NOTE FROM THE EDITOR, TEDD, KB8NW (Dayton Wrap Up and Mentionables)**: HamVention 2003 is in the books. Even though the weather was not the greatest, the annual event was still great. I enjoy meeting and greeting my friends throughout world every year. However, it was on everyone's mind whether there would be another "HamVention" (as we know it!). The talk of it being moved was everywhere. Hopefully, this will not happen. Anyway, I think the Southwest Ohio DX Association's DX Forum and Dinner were particularly interesting for DXers this year. The talk by Vice Admiral Scott Redd U.S. Navy (retired), K0DQ, during the Friday night DX Dinner Banquet was interesting and enlightening. However, the turn out for the DX Forum was amazing (the largest I have ever seen). Your editor started off the forum presenting the "Northern Ohio DX Association's 2002 DXpedition of the Year" to the VP6DI group. Mike McGirr, K9AJ, accepted the award on behalf of the group. Wayne Mills, N7NG, followed with an interesting presentation of the ARRL's "Logbook of The World" (LOTW). The LOTW is still in the testing stage (possibly for 60 days), however, individuals can upload their logs now after downloading some software on the ARRL Web page. For more details, go to: http://www.arrl.org/lotw/ Next on the agenda was a presentation by Al Hernandex, K3VN, on the "ZL7C" operation, and then Bernie McClenny, W3UR, on the "AH3D" operation. The DX Forum ended with an interesting talk (no slides/video) by Don Miller, AE6IY. Don talked about some of his activities, as well as his views on the DXCC program and some public apologies. He also mentioned he knows of a new DXCC entity, and he plans to go there and activate it. No other details were given. STAY TUNED. For some great pictures of the Dayton HamVention, visit Tom's, K8CX, "Dayton 2003 Photo Gallery" at: http://hamgallery.com/dayton2003/

**DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT**: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 18th/May, through Sunday, 25th/May, there were 222 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4U1I, 4W, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5U, 5V, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9U, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A6, A7, AP, BV, BY, C3, C6, C9, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HC8, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J3, J7, J8, JA, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH3, KH6, KH9, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, S2, S5, S9, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T7, T8, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TT, TU, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP2V, VP5, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZK1/s, ZL, ZL9, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations. As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

**3DA0, SWAZILAND**. Rad/ZS6RAD, Ron/ZS5ABD, Cliff/ZS6BOX and Willie/ZS5WI will be operating from **Ezulwini**, Swaziland (Callsign awaiting), from **July 29th to August 3rd**. They will be joined by Willie/3DA0BD, Andy/3DA0TM and Nigel/3DA0NG as time permits. Activity will be on all HF bands and on VHF using all modes including WSJT, between 0300-0700z and from 1400-2200z daily. They will also be participating in the **SARL Phone Contest** as a Multi-Operator station. Activity will end on Sunday afternoon, **August 3rd**. QSL via the SARL QSL Bureau (or direct) to ZS5WI: PO Box 1064, Eshowe, 3815, KZN, South Africa (enclosing a Self Addressed Envelope; South African stations to enclose a SASE). It will be appreciated if the cost of postage can be covered as they have not secured any sponsorship. Queries can be directed to: zs5wi@iafrica.com

**4W, EAST TIMOR**. Stu Greene, WA2MOE, sent out the following press release on May 22nd, about the Democratic Republic of Timor Leste: "**4W1BK** (JA1BK) and **4W2DN** (JR2KDN) will be QRV from Timor Leste from **May 24 to May 29, 2003**. QSL information is 4W1BK via WA2MOE and 4W1DN via JR2KDN. This is a WFWL operation.

> The United Nations no longer is in control and independence was won by the East Timorese on May 20, 2002. An application for new entity status will be filed together with an application to delete the former 4W territory as an entity under DXCC rules.
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> Article 5 of the treaty between Portugal and Indonesia of May 5, 1999, removed East Timor from the list of Non-Self-Governing Territories of the General Assembly and the deletion of the question of East Timor from the agendas of the Security Council and the General Assembly. The treaty, witnessed by the Secretary General of the United Nations, did not make the United Nations the administrator of East Timor but did provide for UN humanitarian assistance. Article 7 requested 'the Secretary-General to maintain an adequate United Nations presence in East Timor.'
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> The DX Advisory and Awards Committees quite possibly misinterpreted the language of the treaty as conferring status of East Timor as a UN administered

territory which in fact was not the case. Only when the referendum authorized by the treaty was held and the East Timorese people declared themselves independent was there a new entity.

The role of UNTAET (UN Transitional Administration in East Timor) was humanitarian and peacekeeping and was not a quasi-government authorized to issue amateur radio licenses. UNTAET did not have the authority to issue amateur radio licenses; it was a peacekeeping mission and only after the referendum was there a Ministry of Communications which does have that authority. The text of the treaty for those interested is at: h
ttp://www.un.org/peace/etimor99/agreement/agreeFrame_Eng01.html

If ARRL agrees, the UN sanctioned operations in East Timor would be deleted on the ground that East Timor was not an entity under the rules and a new entity would be created effective 20 May 2002, the date of the creation of the East Timorese state. Democratic Republic of Timor Leste became a UN state on 27 September, 2002. ITU has reassigned 4WA-4WZ to the Democratic Republic of Timor Leste on 23 April, 2003."

**ADDED NOTES**: Since this press release, there seems to be another operator other than the team of Kan/JA1BK (4W1BK) and Yuu/JR2KDN (4W2DN) who has been active. A station signing **4W3CW** has been active on 30/20/15/10 meters CW and was active in the **CQ WPX Contest** this past weekend. The operator was heard sending QSL via QRZ.com. It seems that the operator is Peter, G3WQU. His length of stay is unknown. Also, no comments or announcements have been made from the DXCC Desk. Hopefully, something may be said by Wayne Mills, N7NG, after the holiday on Monday. Stay tuned.

**4W, EAST TIMOR**. Thor, TF3MM, is also currently active from here as **4W3DX** and is expected to be there for **another week**. He is using a rhombic antenna (leg lengths are 115 meters, up 50 meters beaming EU). Most of his activity has been on 15 and 20 meters CW. Watch 21008 kHz after 2115z and 14002-14003 kHz between 1130-1800z. QSL via TF3MM. Thor states that he will QSL when he gets back to TF-land (should be done before Christmas).

**5W & KH8, AMERICAN SAMOA AND SAMOA (Update)**. Ulli, DL2AH, is heading to the Pacific Ocean for a holiday between **July 2-29th**. He plans to be active as **5W0AH** from Samoa, **July 3-15th** and **July 25-29th**. He will also be active from **Ofu Island** (**OC-077**), American Samoa (callsign not known yet), **July 17-23rd**. Activity will be on 40-10 meter SSB only using a FT897 + a GAP TITAN antenna. He will also be active ib the IOTA Contest.

**ANTARCTICA NET**. There is a new **Antarctica Net** every **Saturday** on 14300 kHz around 1900z. Net Control is LU4DXU. He is in touch with LU1Z stations. Last Saturday LU1ZV, the Esperanza Base, was on the air. They expect DP1POL for next Saturday.

**C5, THE GAMBIA**. Juha, OH9MM, reports that an international group of operators will be active as **C53M** during the **CQWW CW Contest** as a Multi-2 entry in **November**. QSL via OH9MM. Look for **C56R** to be active outside of the contest.

**CANADIAN PREFIXES**. Nenad, VE3EXY, informs OPDX to look for a lot of different Canadian prefixes in the year **2003**. He states, "This will be like PX paradise for PX hunters." For more details, please visit the following Web site at: http://www.rac.ca/specialcalls.htm

**CN, MOROCCO**. Jim, W7EJ, will be active as **CN2R** during the **CQ World Wide DX SSB Contest** (**October 25-26th**) as a Single-Op/All Band entry. QSL via W7EJ. Jim will be active one week before the contest.

**DIB NUMBER CHANGED!** Pedro, PP5SZ, informs OPDX that all operations from "**Cotijuba Island**" (IOTA **SA-060**) with a DIB-43 reference number have been changed to DIB-80! Please make the correction in your DIB List Numbers. A new "Diploma das Ilhas Brasileiras" (DIB) List is available at: http://geocities.yahoo.com.br/pp5sz/diblist.htm

**DXCC NEWS**. Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL DXCC Manager, informs OPDX that the following operations from Iraq are approved for DXCC credit:

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YI/EK6KB        YI/ON4WW        YI/S57CQ
YI/EK6DO        YI/ON6TT        YI/SM7PKK
YI/F5ORF        YI/S53R         YI/VK4KMT
YI/ON5NT
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**HAM COM**. The **25th anniversary of Ham Com** in Arlington, TX, between Dallas and Fort Worth, is the southwest's largest ham convention. Ham Com is also this year's ARRL National Convention and will be held June 20-22th. Listen for W1AW/5 (the convention's commemorative station) to be active. Also, the Lone Star DX Association (LSDXA) is presenting a world class DX program this year. For the DX program, please visit the following Web page at: http://www.dxer.org/lsdxa/agenda.html For Ham Com registration and information, please visit the following Web at: http://www.hamcom.org/

**HS0, THAILAND**. John, W6ZIP, informs OPDX that he will be active as **HS0ZEH** from **May 31st to June 17th** from several locations. Activity will be mainly on CW on 40-10 meters. There will be some SSB towards the end of his tour (last 2 days or so). QSL via home callsign.

**INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION 2004 (Visalia)**. The Southern California DX Club has announced that the **55th Annual International DX Convention** will be held in 2004 at the Holiday Inn Hotel/Conference Center in Visalia on April 23-25th. For online reservation and information, go to the following Web page at: http://www.visaliaholidayinn.com

**IOTA NEWS.....**

- **AF-NEW**. Ivan/OM3CGN, Afif/7X2RO and possibly three other local operators will activate the Algerian **Habbibas Island** (a new IOTA in the Mediterranean Sea Coast West Group) as **7W4HI**, **June 1-5th**. They will be active on CW/SSB on the usual IOTA frequencies. QSL info will be announced later.
- **AF-019**. Look for operators ON6VP, ON4CAQ and ON1AEO to be active as **IG9/ON4DST** from Calla Madonna, **Lampedusa Island**, now **through May 29th**. Activity will be on 80/40/20/15/10 meters SSB only. QSL to ON4DST via the bureau, or direct via ON4AMM: Mary Lou Moons, Oudestraat 9, B-3560 Lummen, Belgium.
- **AS-155**. BV DX Group headed up by Paul, BV4FH, will be back on **Liuchiu Yu Island**, **June 6-8th**. Activity will be on CW/SSB, 40-10 meters and the WARC bands. They will use most IOTA frequencies. QSL via BV4YB directly, and a SASE will be much appreciated. They expect to start at 0800z on June 6th and go QRT at 0400z on June 8th.
- **EU-020**. Martin, SM0DTK, will be active from **Gotland Island** as **SM0DTK/1** from **now through May 31st**. Skeds can be arranged via E-mail at: sm0dtk@passagen.se

More info and a Web Cam is available at the following URL: http://hem.passagen.se/sm0dtk/ (Click on "Losgodis"!)

- **EU-041**. Marco, IK1YED, is expected to be active as **IM0/IK1YED/p** from **Maddalena Island** (IIA SS-001) **now through May 31st**. Activity will be on all HF bands and 6 meter SSB. He also plans to operate from **Caprera** (also **EU-041**, SS-005) during the same time frame.
- **EU-063**. Terje's, LA3OHA (and JW3OHA), plans are confirmed for activivty from **Prins Karls Forland Island**, **July 11-25th**. Four operators have signed on. However, Terje states that they are still looking for one more operator. More details are forthcoming.
- **EU-120**. The South Bristol ARC will be active as **GB2BLE** from **Lundy Island** (WAB SS14 - IO71) during **June 28th through July 5th**. Activity will be on HF SSB only, 6 meters SSB/FM and 2 meters FM. More details can be found on the Web page at: http://www.draxium.com/gb2ble/
- **EU-125**. Operators Karl/LA8DW and Lars/OZ1HPS will activate **Fanoe Island** (DIA NS-002) from **June 5-7th**, using the callsign **OZ4DI**. QSL via OZ1HPS direct or bureau. ADDED NOTE: This callsign will also be used for some other Danish Islands and Lighthouses operations in the future.
- **EU-125**. Siggi, DL1AZZ, will be active as **OZ/DL1AZZ** from **Fanoe Island** (DIA NS-02 for the Danish Islands Award), **June 7-14th**. Activity will be on all HF bands CW/SSB. QSL 100% via bureau.
- **EU-170**. Siggi/DL1AZZ, Lutz/DL3ARK, Mario/DL5ASE and Heiko/DG0OGM plan to visit the Island of **Dugi Otok** (IOCA CI-018) and the Lighthouse **Veli Rat** (CRO-183) between **now and May 31st**. QSL via their home callsigns, direct or bureau.
- **NA-121**. Lanny/W5BOS and Don/N5XG will activate **Walrus Isls, Alaska**. Operation is scheduled for **July 15th** (starting at 0200z) **until July 17th** (ending at 1500z). Activity will be on CW and SSB. Callsigns will be **W5BOS/AL5** and **N5XG/KL6**. QSL via their home callsign. Visit their web site at: http://www.geocities.com/buzzsimm/NA121.html

**J3, GRENADA**. Paul, W4/G4BKI, has moved to Grenada and is now **J3/G4BKI**. He will be active for **1 year** under that callsign until he receives his J38** callsign. His activity is mainly on 20/15 meters CW (between 2000- 2330z) right now. QSL information can be found on the Web page at: http://stcgrenada.com/amateurradio.htm

**JW7, SVALBARD**. Look for Tormod "Tom", LA7VK, to operate from Svalbard (**EU-026**) as **JW7VK** between **May 29th and June 1st**. QSL via LA7VK. Tom states, "For those who send and require a QSL card via mail, please remember to include a self-adressed envelope with one IRC or two green stamps. Otherwise, the return card will be sent via bureau." For more details, please visit the Web page at: http://www.dxpedition.org/dxjwpk/

**LIGHTHOUSE ACTIVITY**. Operators Alex/RW6CW, Andy/RK6ABM, Slava/RZ6AER, Alex/RA6AFB, Vit/RK6ALP and Serge/RK6ADS will be active from the Lighthouse "**Sazalniksky**", ERU-174 for ARLHS and RLE-026 for RLHA (Russian Lighthouse Award), **June 6-7th**, using the the club callsign **RW6AWW/p**. Activity is planned for the HF bands CW/SSB. QSL via RW6CW.

**NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER'S STATION (Special Activity)**. W1AW reports that the National Hurricane Center's Amateur Radio station **WX4NHC** (formerly W4EHW) will conduct its **2003 hurricane season on-the-air station test** Sunday, **June 1**, 1300-2200 UTC. The event will mark the first time the NHC uses its new WX4NHC callsign. The purpose of the

annual station test is to check out all of the WX4NHC radio, computer and antenna equipment using as many modes and frequencies as possible. Look for WX4NHC to operate on HF, VHF and UHF. Operation will follow this schedule:

- 1300 UTC--3.911 and 7.268 SSB and VHF/UHF FM
- 1400 UTC--14.325 MHz SSB, VHF 147.000 repeater/UHF 442.350 repeater
- 1500 UTC--144.200 MHz SSB, 14.070 MHz PSK31
- 1700 UTC--14.325 and 21.325 MHz SSB, VHF/UHF IRLP Node 9210
- 1800 UTC--21.325 and 28.525 MHz SSB
- 2000 UTC--14.325 and 144.200 MHz SSB. CW operation will be on 14.035, 21.035 and 28.035 MHz (times will vary).

Stations working WX4NHC are asked to provide a signal report, location and brief weather report. QSL cards are available via W4VBQ. Include a SASE with QSL requests.

**NEW DX BOOKS FOR DXERS**. Idiom Press is pleased and proud to announce the following new publication for DXers. For details on how to purchase these books, please visit the Web page at: http://www.idiompress.com

- The long awaited third edition of *The Complete DX'er* by Bob Locher, W9KNI. This is the most popular DX book ever written, "The Complete DX'er" is both the highly entertaining and fascinating diary of a serious DX chaser, and at the same time a tutorial sure to make the reader a more successful DX'er. This new edition brings the work up to date, yet retains the author's warm, personal style that made the earlier editions so popular. This is a work that the owner is sure to read again and again. It very much respects and honors the traditions of DX'ing, brings a sense of excitement to the chase, and leaves the reader eager to turn on the rig and start tuning the bands looking for the ever elusive "new one". With over 26,000 copies in print (but just try to find a used copy) this is surely the return of a classic! (228 pages at 19.95 USD)
- Idiom Press is pleased and proud to announce publication of *Up Two -- Adventures of a DXpeditioner* by well known contester, DX'er and world traveler Roger Western, G3SXW. "Up Two" is a fascinating account of operations by Roger from 22 different countries, many of them quite rare, all reached by commercial transportation, and most of them "microlite" expeditions taken long before others invented the term. Roger entertains the reader with his accounts of sea voyages, bus journeys across Africa, of far flung islands and sun-blasted deserts, all with rig in hand. Some of Roger's trips were keyed to major contests, others were purely DX'peditions. All were made without support from the major foundations. This book is both an entertaining travelog and a roadmap for others interested in mounting similar operations. It is sure to fascinate both the armchair DXpeditioner and the ham plotting his own adventure. (256 pages at 19.95 USD)

**NEW OFFICERS FOR 2003-2004**. The French National CW Society and The Union Francaise des Telegraphistes (UFT) has elected new officers for 2003-2004.

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President      : Raymond TALAZAC, F6BQV
Vice President : Norbert LAURENT, F6AXX
Treasurer      : Pierre GALLO, F6FXS
Secretary      : Jean Pierre AUXENTIDES, F5TFP
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The Board include also the following assistant members:

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Ghislain, F6CEL      Bernard, F5HEW     Andre, F5AKL
Alain, F6ENO         Vincent, F5MJV
Alain, F6EQV         Maurice, F5NQL
Gerard, F6ICG        Martial, F5SIE.
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The President has appointed, Jean Claude Perrotey, F9IQ, Honorary Past President, to be the UFT's CW consultant for the IARU French Society, RESEAU des EMETTEURS FRANCAIS (REF), whose UFT is associated.

**QSL INFO AND NEWS.....**

- Phil Whitchurch, G3SWH, informs OPDX that all direct requests for **8Q7ZZ** QSLs have now been mailed.
- **AH3D QSL CARDS WERE AVAILABLE AT THE HAMVENTION**. Vertex Standard (Yaesu) hosted the distribution of the full-color AH3D folded-QSLs at their booth during the Dayton Hamvention. Veteran DXpeditioner Martti Laine, OH2BH, 22-year old severe contester Toni Linden, OH2JTE, and Daily DX Editor, Bernie McClenny, W3UR, were passing out the QSLs during the three day event. If you were not there and sent for your card, you should be receiving your QSL via the snail mail shortly.
- Andy, **DL4MEH**, informs OPDX that he is permanently moving to Trinidad and Tobago, West Indies. PLEASE DO NOT SEND QSLS TO HIS GERMAN CALLBOOK ADDRESS ANYMORE!! Wolfgang Utz, DL4MDO, will now handle all of Andy's DX and Contest operations. This includes the following: **9Y4TBG**: CQWW CW 1999, CQWW SSB 2001, CQWW SSB 2002, ARRL DX CW/SSB 2003 **9Y4/DL4MEH**: All operations from 1999 and on. There will be extended activity from his contest and DX QTH on Tobago Island. Since he did not obtain a permanent resident license or a "contest station callsign" yet, listen for the callsign and QSL informations given by the operator. All QSLs for 9Y4/DL4MEH for future activities go via DL4MDO, bureau submission preferred. If somebody really wants to QSL directly to Andy (please only stamp collectors, hi), his address will be as follows (do not send earlier than August 2003): Andreas Kretzschmar, #5 Estate Ave., Cassleton Gardens, Trincity, Trinidad, W.I., Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.
- The Magnolia DX Association (MDXA) reports that the **K5C** QSL cards for their April 4-6th, IOTA Expedition to Cat Island (NA-082) have arrived from the printer, and they look wonderful! You can check out the K5C web site to see the QSL card and also the photos, the story, and other expedition stats at: http://www.mdxa.org/k5c_03.html QSLs should be in the mail.
- Ron, AC7DX, reports, "I apologize to all that were awaiting **LT1F** and/or **L71F** cards. I have been waiting about 3 months for printed cards paid for and purchased from UA3AA. No cards have arrived. In the meantime, I ordered cards from UX5UO which arrived in 2 weeks and all request for L71F and LT1F have been answered. Still awaiting LQ7D cards from UA3AA."
- **OD5/OK1MU QSL CARDS DELAY**. Vrata, OK1KT, reports that on behalf of the operator and his QSL Manager OK1TN, he would like to ask the HAM community for patience with the QSL cards managed via OK QSL bureau. They just received 25,000 QSL cards from printer. Pavel will finish his activities from Lebanon at the end of June, and they will send all QSL cards they get via the bureau after his return. Do not worry please, all QSOs will be confirmed for sure!
- Rob, PA5ET, reports that all direct QSLs of the last LLDXT trip to **OY** have been mailed

as of May 17th. He currently has no backlog of direct cards. Rob states he is still receiving direct cards without contribution and/or SASE. These QSLs will be sent via the Bureau. Registered letters with QSLs are NOT collected at the Post Office so contact him by E-mail IN ADVANCE ( pa5et@muurkrant.com ) so he can give you another address. All QSL rules can be found on their Web site at: http://www.qsl.net/lldxt/

- **T9 ONLINE CALLBOOK UPDATE**. Nenad, VE3EXY, informs OPDX that there is an international version of the T9 callbook at: http://www.t93y.com/english/
- Silvano, I2YSB, reports that the complete logs for the recent **TX4PG** operation (12607 CW, 8901 SSB and 1029 RTTY QSOs) from the Marquesas Islands are now available at: http://digilander.libero.it/i2ysb/ If there are any discrepancies in QSO data, you should report them to Silvano, I2YSB, at: i2ysb@libero.it
- **VA2BY** and **K8DD/VE2** were active from Zone 2, Waskaganish, James Bay, last week. QSL via K8DD. Also, visit: http://www.qsl.net/teamzone2/
- **XY1M QSL STATUS (Update)**. OPDX was asked two weeks ago to find out if anyone has received their QSL cards for Hiroo's operation in Myanmar last November. The answer is "YES", and they received their cards within a couple of weeks. The direct mailing address is: Hiroo Yonezuka, P.O. BOX 2659, Vientiane, Laos. Hiroo warns that no Greenstamps are allowed to be sent to Laos. He only accepts IRCs.
- Ralph, K2PF, informs OPDX that he is now the QSL Manager for **YI/S53R**. By the way, YI/S53R was active on 40 meters CW during the CQ WPX Contest this past weekend.
- QSL **ZW8M** from the Island of Mexiana (IOTA SA-042 and DIB69) should be QSLed via CS1GDX, POB 1156, 2736-996, Agualva, Portugal (or bureau).

**SILENT KEY**. Reports over the past weekend indicate that the ZK1AYL and ZK1SIM operation from Rarotonga (OC-013) by June/VK4SJ and Doug/**VK4BP** has ended in tragedy. Details are sketchy at this time, but it seems Doug was was killed when a truck hit his motorcycle while still in the South Cook Islands. OPDX and its readers would like to send out our deepest sympathy to June, and her family and friends.

**SPECIAL EVENTS (French Activity to Commemorate WWI).....**

- Once again, the Departement de la Manche REF Hams will be using the special callsign **TM6JUN** from **June 1-9th**. Look for several stations to be active from Utah Beach, one station active from an old bunker (which was used as the first Allied Signal Corps Center in Normandy as early as June 8th in 1944), and another from the Landing Museum. Suggested frequencies are as follows:
    - **CW** - 3526, 7026, 14026, 18070, 21026, 24900 and 28026
    - **SSB** - 3644, 7074, 14174, 18160, 21174, 24940 and 28574 kHz.

  QSL via F5RJM, either direct to CBA (SASE+postage) or via the bureau, but every contact will be confirmed. Suggested Web pages to look/refer to are:
    - Utah Beach Museum Web site at: http://www.utah-beach.org/
    - Le "Roosevelt Restaurant", Historical house and common wall with the bunker liberated by the General Roosevelt's GI's. at: http://www.le-roosevelt.com/
    - Caen Peace Memorial at: http://www.memorial-caen.fr/
- Michel, F6IPS, will be active as **TM6SME** from **June 6-20th**. Activity will be from his home in the **Sainte Mere Eglise** area, which was the first French village liberated in Normandy during the night of June 5th and 6th of 1944, by the American 82nd (American General Gavin and Brigway) and 101st Airborne Paratroopers (Screaming

Eagles, General Taylor). Activity will be on all HF bands using either CW or SSB. Michel will begin each operating session on 40 meters CW, and then he will QSY (bands and/or modes) according to propagation conditions and requests. Also, Michel will monitor the 6 and 2 meters bands CW/SSB. Michel's E-mail address for skeds is: f6ips@wanadoo.fr QSL via F6IPS, either direct to the CBA (SASE + postage) or via the French REF Bureau. Suggested Web pages to look/refer to are:
    - 82nd Airborne Vets Web site at: http://www.fayettevillenc.com/airborne82dassn/
    - 101st Airborne Vets Web site at: http://www.screamingeagle.org/
    - St. Mere Eglise Airborne Museum (both in English and the French languages Web Site at: http:///www.airbornemuseum.org/uk/htm/presentation.htm
    - F6IPSs' Web site at: http://perso.wanadoo.fr/michel.f6ips/
- During the same period as above, a special VHF, UHF and SHF station will be active using the callsign **TM6JDD**, and will also entry the **French VHF Championship** on **June 3-4th**. QSL via F4OOQ.
- ADDED NOTE: Other activities are planned around this same commemoration time, especially from Sword, Gold, Omaha and Juno Beaches areas.

**SPECIAL EVENT**. Members of the North Country DX Association (K7ICE) and U.S. Islands Awards program (KL7USI) will host special event operations from the **Yukon Territory** and **Alaska** starting **November 17th**. Look for **VY1/K7ICE** to be on before and during **ARRL's November Sweepstakes Phone** Contest from near **Watson Lake, Yukon**. **KL7USI** will be on from **Hyder Island, Alaska**, in celebration of the USI's upcoming **10th anniversary** starting around **November 25th** (14260 kHz). Look for mobile/portable SSB and PSK-31 operations from KL7JR's motor home (the "Icemobile"- WA license K7ICE) by WB7RBN and KL7JR (they will be fine tuning their prototype "Ice Stix" vertical antennas which they hope to market soon)! Listen for them also on the 3905 Century Club nets on 40 and 75 meters. QSL with SASE to KL7JR CBA.

**SPECIAL EVENT**. The members of the Belgium South Flanders DX Group (SF-DX-AG) will once again activate the callsign **F/ON6JUN/P** during the festivities in **Ranville** to celebrate the 59th anniversary of Europe being liberated (**D-Day**). This special event station will be on the air on all major HAM bands from Wednesday, **June 4th** to Saturday evening, **June 7th**. Their QTH will be from the garden of the "Memorial Pegasus Museum" in Ranville. Operators will be ON4AFU, ON4LBV, ON4CJV, ON4CLC, ON5SD and ON6BV. QSL via Victor, ON6BV.

**SPECIAL EVENT**. Jerome, F5ASD, will be active with the special callsign and special prefix, "**TM5SC**", to commemorate the **last commercial flight of the Concorde Aircraft** between PARIS and NEW YORK, **May 25th through June 8th**. Activity will be on 80-10 meters, satellites (UO-14, AO-27,SO-50 and others) PSK31 on HF, VHF and UHF. Here are the following suggested frequencies for TM5SC (+/- 5 kHz or QRM): 3777, 7077, 14140, 18140, 21240, 24940, 28440 and 29330 kHz FM. VHF: 144.277 MHz. UHF: 432.200 MHz. QSL via Manager F5ASD. QSL via French Bureau or QSL direct to F5ASD: Mr. Aoutin Jerome, 14 rue Neuve, F-77410 Villeroy, France (Only 1 USD is needed for direct QSL). You could see the special QSL card on Jerome's Web site at: http://fr.groups.yahoo.com/group/f5asd-dx-news/

**T33, BANABA**. Bob Voss, N4CD, Public Relation Manager Banaba 2004 DXpedition, reports the following: "In **March or April 2004** an International team of about 15 well known operators, including most of the award winning Cocos Island, TI9M, group, will be active from Banaba (T33) for a period of about 12 days. The main emphasis of this DXpedition will be to

work Europe on all bands; especially on the low-bands. The team will use 5 stations around the clock. When the DX window to Europe is not open, the team will focus on all other areas of the world. Antennas systems with extreme low radiation angles have been specially designed by some of the world's foremost antenna experts to ensure optimum signals into Europe. We will be active from 6-160m in the modes CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK and some SSTV with linear amplifiers available, when needed. We have arranged a suitable vessel to bring us and the equipment safely to and from Banaba, a 2 day trip from Tarawa, Kiribati. It will be a completely self supporting DXpedition since little of the infrastructure of Banaba is left. All food, water, medical support, radios, antennas and electrical power equipment must be brought in by boat. A T33C license has been issued for the team and the required landing permission on this private owned island has been granted by the responsible Council of Leaders which includes an exclusively permit to stay for the purpose of radio operation to our team between now and the time the DXpedition will take place. In the company of the other islands of Kiribati, Banaba has its own complex history, as well as a unique and beautiful culture that has evolved over many generations. Where it stands apart results from its geographical location and the discovery of phosphate on the Island in the late 19th century. A web-site has been opened, and will be updated as frequently as things progress at: http://www.dx-pedition.de/banaba2004/ On the web-site you can also find information about the rich history of Banaba. The QSL manager will be announced at a later date."

**TK, CORSICA (Castle, Fort and Mill Op)**. Operators Pierre/F2WS (**TK/F2WS**) and Tony/**TK5XN** plan to activate from Corsica a Fort, a French Castle and a Mill starting **June 7th** and the week following. Activity will be on 40 and 20 meters SSB. QSL via F2WS, direct (envelope + postage) or via the French REF Bureau. Look for the following to be activate (reference numbers are provided for awards programs).

- **Mattei Mill** - References numbers are: DMF 2B.001, IOTA **EU-014**, DIFM TK-001 and DDCF 2B-08 Canton de Capobianco. It will be the first Mill activity in Corsica.
- **Centuri Castle** - References numbers are: DFCF 2B-014, JN42QX, IOTA **EU-014**, DIFM TK-001 and DDCF 2B-08 Canton de Capobianco.
- **Fort Lacroix** - References numbers are: 2B-015, JN42RQ, IOTA **EU-014**, DIFM TK-001 and DDCF 2B-01 Canton de Bastia.

**VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISLAND**. Your Editor met Charlie Summers, W0YG, at the Dayton HamVention, and he told us that he will be active as **VK9XG** from **October 26th to November 8th** this year. Charlie states that he will be mainly concentrating on the low bands and RTTY. Also, Force 12 is sponsoring the antennas and Lance Johnson Engineering has supplied the necessary preamp and terminating resisters to phase a pair of pennants for the USA. He will not be on 24 hours a day but will do his best to make 160 and 80 meters a real possibility for Stateside hams. QSL via W0YG, please direct.

**VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS**. Paolo, IK2QPR, informs OPDX that he will be active from **Providenciales Island** (IOTA **NA-002**) as **VP5/IK2QPR** from **August 16-23rd**. QSL via his home callsign.

**XU, CAMBODIA**. Danny/M0GMT (aged 19) and Oliver/DJ9AO (aged 21) who are both members of the WWYC (World Wide Young Contesters Club, http://www.wwyc.net), will be operating from Cambodia, from **August 4-18th**. Their callsigns are yet to be confirmed. QSL is via G3SWH, bureau or direct (QTHR). They will be operational on all bands 160-6 meters, CW

and SSB only. For further information and updates, please visit the DXpedition Web page at: http://www.geocities.com/dxpedition2003/

**XW, LAOS**. Champ, E21EIC (aka XW1IC), informs OPDX that he may be on **6 meters** very soon from here. Hide, JR5XPG, is shipping a 6 meter 5 element yagi to Champ's address in Laos. Operating on 6 meters will be new for Champ because he is not allow to be active on that band in Thailand. He is expected to be there **June 3-23rd** (possibly to the 30th).

**ZA, ALBANIA**. Remember that the Italian team of operators will be active this week (**May 29th through June 3rd**) signing **ZA3/home call**. QSL via their home callsign.

**Late Announcements for the CQ WPX CW Contest** (Mainly for QSL Routes and added Interesting Facts)

- **4L8A** - Vakhtang/4L8A was active from Georgia as a SOSB (20m) HP entry. QSL via OZ1HPS.
- **8P1A** - Tom/W2SC was active (from Barbados) as a SOAB entry. QSL via NT1N.
- **8S5A** - Ingo, SM5AJV, was active from Sweden as a SOAB entry. QSL via SM5AJV.
- **9K9X** - Al-Ajmi/9K2RR was active from Kuwait as a SOSB (40m) entry. QSL via 9K2HN.
- **A61AJ** - Sejo/T97C was active from U.A.E as a SOAB HP entry. QSL via N4QB.
- **C8A** - Vlado, ZS6MG, was active from Mozambique as SOAB HP entry. QSL via ZS6MG: Vladimir Karamitrov, P.O. Box 1788, Bramley 2018, South Africa.
- **CO8LY** - Eduardo/CO8LY and Juan/CO8TW was active (from Cuba) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL is via EA7ADH.
- **CT3EE** - Cornelius "Con"/DF4SA, was active from Madeira Island as a SOABLP entry. All QSOs will be confirmed via the bureau automatically. Return QSLs are not necessary. If anyone still wants a direct QSL, send it to: JOSE LUIS PINTO CAMACHO, CAMINHO DO MONTE; 66 - Madeira Island, FUNCHAL 9050-084, PORTUGAL.
- **CT9A** - Sampola/OH6RX was active from Madeira Island as a SOAB HP entry. QSL via OH6RX. He will be here until May 27th.
- **E21CJN** - Thamrougsan/E21CJN was active from Thailand as a SOSB(15m) HP entry. QSL via W3PP.
- **E21EIC** - Champ/E21EIC was active from Thailand as a SOSB (15m) entry. QSL via E21EIC.
- **HS0GBI/2** - Cy/HS0GBI was active from Thailand as a SOSB(40m) LP entry. QSL via home callsign.
- **HS4BPQ/9** - Yong/HS4BPQ was active from Thailand as a SOSB (20m) entry. QSL via E21EIC.
- **LU5FF** - Javi/LU5FF was active as a SOAB LP entry. QSL via EA7JX.
- **OD5/OK1MU** - Pavel/OK1MU was active from Beirut as a SO HP entry. This will be his last contest from Lebanon. He will go QRT about August 1st. QSL via the Bureau or direct via OKDX Foundation or OK1TN.
- **PX2W** - Hamilton/PY2YU was active from Brazil as a SOSB (15m) entry. QSL via: Hamilton Oliveira Martins, Rua Rui Coelho de Oliveira Filho, 131, Jd. Panorama, 18030-020 Sorocaba, SP, Brazil.
- **R300SP** - Operators RW1AC, RV1AW, RA1AIP and UA1ARX were active from Russia as a Multi/2 entry. Also, celebrating 300 years of Saint-Petersburg. QSL via RU1AE.
- **SI9AM** - Operators SM3CER, SM3CVM, SM3EAE and SM3FJF were active from

Sweden as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via SM3CVM, direct to CBA or via the bureau.

- **TI5N** - Bill/W8QZA was active from Costa Rica as a SOAB QRP entry. QSL via W3HNK.
- **TK/S52A** - Franc/S59AA was active from Corsica as a SOAB LP entry. QSL via S59AA.
- **TM7A** - Laurent/F8BBL is authorized to use this callsign from France between May 24th and June 7th, and during the contest. After the contest, look for activity on HF + WARC and 6m. (CW/SSB/ RTTY/FM). QSL via F8BBL (Bureau or direct).
- **TO5AA** - Activity is from FM5BH's QTH on Martinique as a SOAB HP entry. QSL via RW3RN. QSL direct by E-mail request if worked 3 or more QSO in the contest. E-mail address is: RW3RN@tmb.ru
- **VC1R** - Andy/AE6Y was active from VE1JF's QTH in Nova Scotia during the WPX CW Contest. QSL to VE1JF.
- **VC6A** - Gary/VA7RR was active from the VE6JY station as a SOSB (20m) entry. QSL via VA7RR.
- **VC6X** - Bill/VE6BF was active from the VE6JY station as a SOSB (15m) entry. QSL via VE6BF.
- **YM2ZF** - TA2ZF (ex-M0SDX) and UA9CLB were active from Istanbul, Asiatic Turkey, as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via UT2UB.
- **ZM1A** - Operators ZL3CW, ZL1GO and ZL1GO(JA4EKO) were active on all bands. QSL via ZL1AMO.

## ADDED NOTES

- Visit Bill's, NG3K, "Announced DX Operations" Web page for QSL and upcoming DX/Contest activity at: http://www.ng3k.com
- Zrinko, DL/VE3ZIL, informs OPDX to look for fresh QSL info from the CQ WPX CW Contest to be published on the following Web page on Tuesday, only two days after the end of the contest. Please visit: http://www.contesting.info

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